

Redditch Heritage Presents

If We Could Turn Back Time

A look back at “Old” Redditch
before it became a “New” town

Redditch, The 900 year old New Town

There was no Redditch until the Cistercian Monks founded Bordesley Abbey in 1136.

To serve the Abbey a small community grew-up around the Gates of the Abbey.

They took their name from a nearby brook that ran red in colour after heavy rain due to iron oxide in the clay.
The brook was named the “Red Ditch”

828 years later Redditch was Designate a “New Town”

So what happened to the “Old Town”

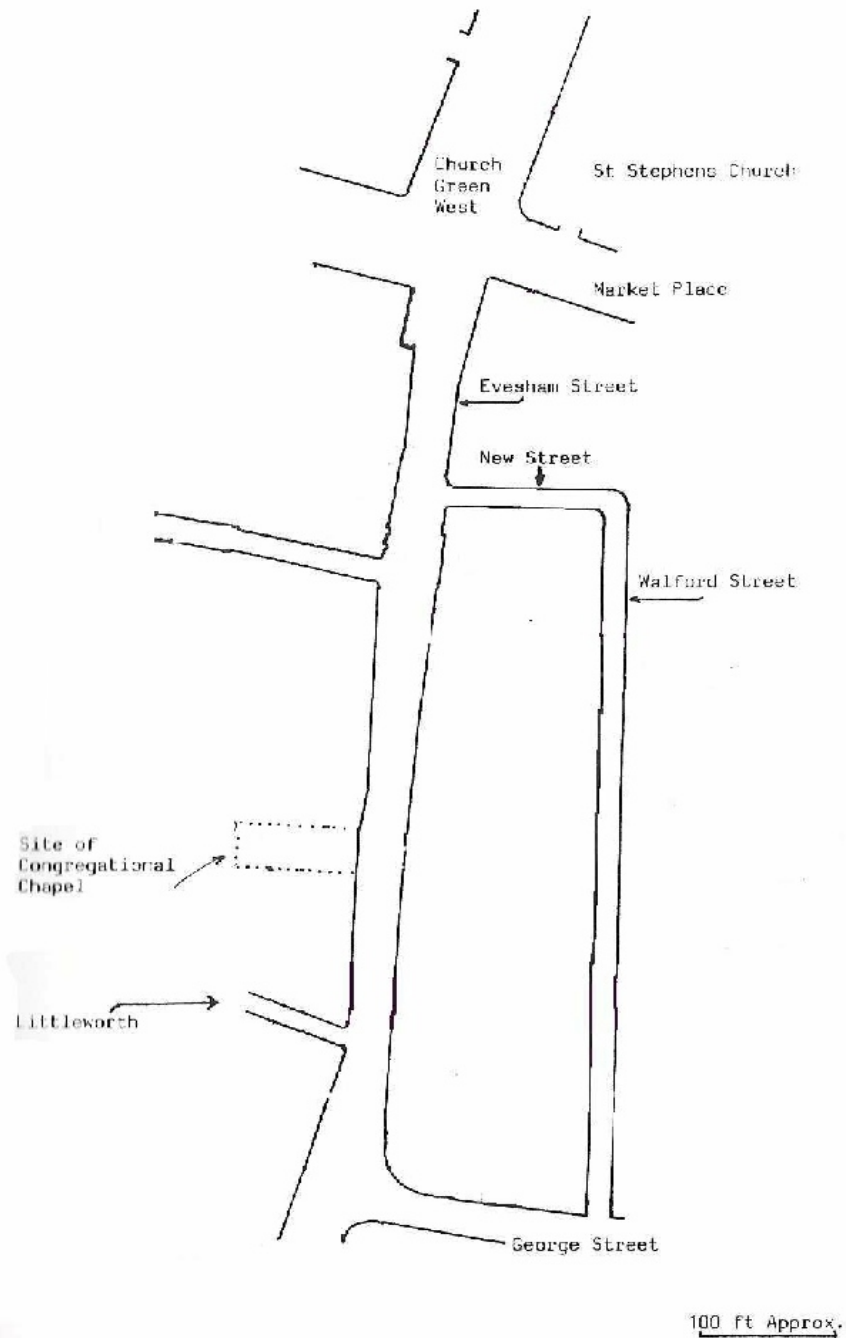
Here are a few examples.....

Pre 1970's Town Centre Streets

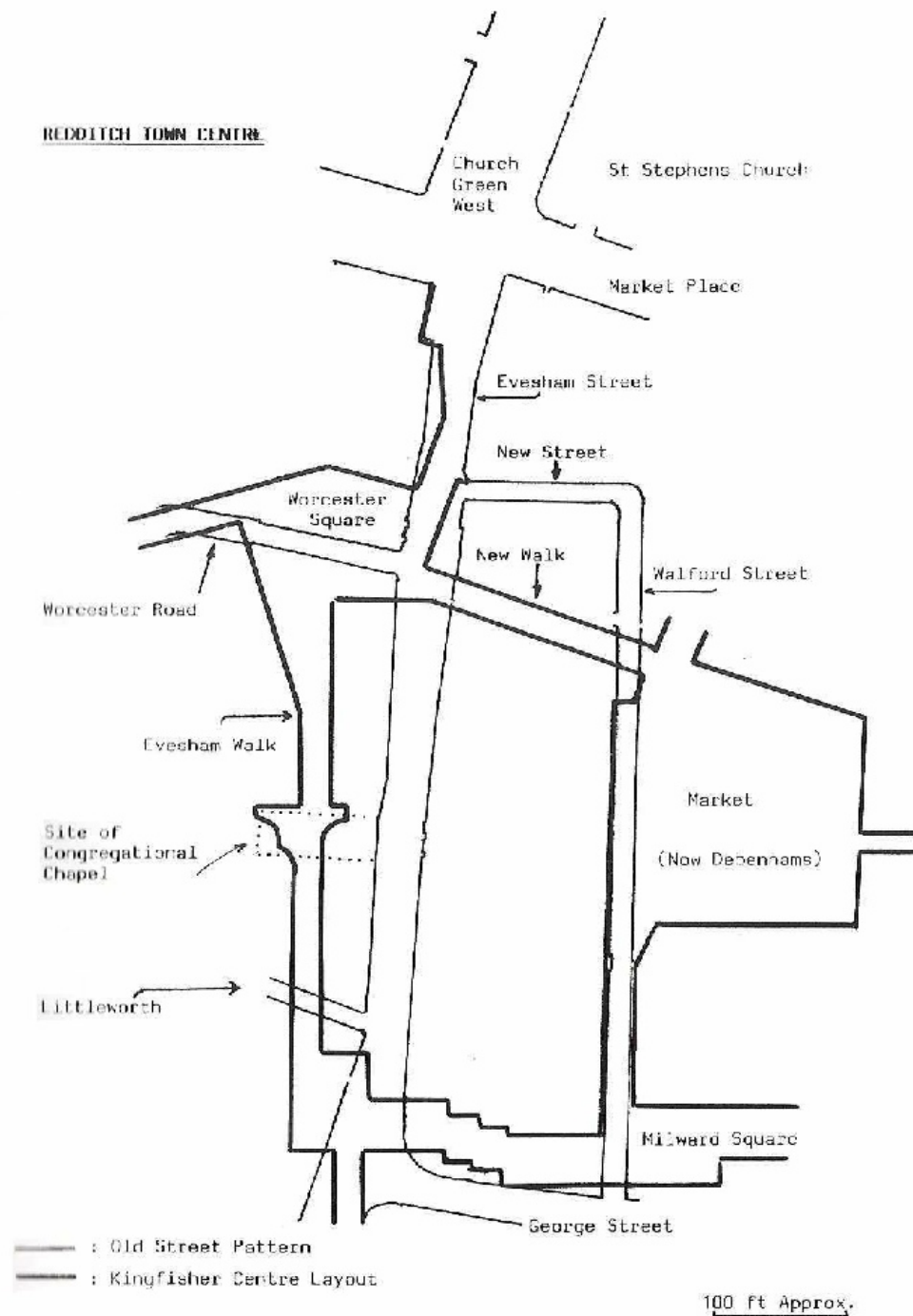


The map shows a retail park layout with four designated car parks numbered 1 through 4. Unit 1 is green, Unit 2 is blue, Unit 3 is purple, and Unit 4 is red. The surrounding area includes roads like A402 and A44, and landmarks such as St Stephen's Church and Redditch College of Further Education. Retailers like Primark, M&S, and Debenhams are also indicated.

Evesham Street



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Evesham Street - Today



Evesham Street – 1980's



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Evesham Street – 1970's



Evesham Street – 1960's



Evesham Street – 1900's



Walford Street – 2004



Walford Street – 1980's



Walford Street – 1970's



Walford Street – 1950's



Alcester Street - 1980s



Alcester Street 1950s



The Kings Arms – Beoley Road - Today



The Kings Arms – Beoley Road - 1970s



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The Kings Arms – Beoley Road - 1900s



Grove Street - Today



Grove Street 1970s



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Prospect Hill - Today



Prospect Hill - 1970s



Ipsley Street - Today



Ipsley Street - 1970s



Where's This?



Oakenshaw (Pheasant) Farm



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But Where Is It Today?

Well, You Know This Redditch Landmark



Adds new meaning to Tesco's Farm Fresh



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